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is here!**

**Read about affordable
recreation options in
the Highline area.**

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Born and raised in South King County, I've always tried to put our community first and focus on delivering results. To this end, the 2009 State Legislature has invested in local projects to provide affordable recreational opportunities for families in these difficult economic times:

DES MOINES CREEK TRAIL

I'm pleased to report that the state is providing \$580,000 to finish construction of the Des Moines Creek Trail, so that pedestrians and cyclists can

better enjoy this stretch of scenic old-growth forest and salmon-spawning habitat.

SALTWATER STATE PARK

Despite initially being on the chopping block, Saltwater State Park in Des Moines **will remain open** for free and low-cost recreational opportunities. As Chairman of the House Ecology & Parks Committee, I worked hard to help implement a successful strategy to keep our state parks open in these tough budget times.

HIGHLINE YMCA IN SEATAC

A brand new YMCA is coming to the Highline area - thanks in part to \$2 million in new state funding. The new facility on 188th Street in SeaTac will serve triple the amount of people and provide 150 jobs. The money comes from the state construction budget, which is different than the state operating budget (where we faced a large shortfall).

NEW TRAIL CONNECTION

An effort is underway to link together Highline trails and connect them up to regional trails like the Green River and Interurban trails. To support this effort, I made sure we held onto unspent funds for the SR 509 project, part of which will be used for construction of an interim bikepath in SeaTac. Moving forward with design and construction of this bikepath enables the City of SeaTac to apply for federal funds to complete the project.